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The meeting was called to order at 5.45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 156: FINANCING OF THE ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 (1991) (continued)

(a) UNITED NATIONS IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVATION MISSION (continued) (A/C.5/45/L.28)

1. Ms. MUSTONEN (Finland), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.28, said that the preamble indicated the legal basis of the draft resolution, namely Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) and 689 (1991), and also recognized that the so-called peace-keeping scale would be applied in apportioning expenses. In accordance with the Advisory Committee's recommendations, the draft resolution provided for an appropriation of $60,977,000 (gross) for the operation of the Observation Mission from 9 April to 8 October 1991, and requested the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission. The draft resolution also called for the apportionment of the costs of the Mission among Member States in accordance with the composition of the groups set out in General Assembly resolutions 43/232 and 44/192 B, and urged Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full and on time, as well as inviting voluntary contributions. She trusted that the Committee would adopt the draft resolution without a vote.

2. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.28 without a vote.

3. It was so decided.

4. Mr. SY (Senegal) said that, while his delegation did not object to the adoption of the draft resolution, the wording employed with regard to assessed contributions could have been improved.

AGENDA ITEM 132: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITION ASSISTANCE GROUP (continued) (A/45/997 and Corr.1, A/45/1003)

5. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee was not in a position to conclude its consideration of the item, and suggested that it should be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the Committee at the current session.

6. Mr. KINCHEN (United Kingdom) said that there seemed to be agreement that there should be an interim distribution of an amount not to exceed the available cash balance, in which case the Advisory Committee should be asked to recommend a basis for such a distribution.

7. Mr. INOMATA (Japan) said that his delegation would prefer an early decision to be taken on the financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG), given the increased need for funding for peace-keeping created by the launching of new operations. The unencumbered

(Mr. Inomata, Japan)

balance for UNTAG should be retained within the United Nations system. With regard to distribution of the unencumbered balance, given that the revised requirements for UNTAG were now available, it was obviously possible to calculate revised assessments, following which appropriate adjustments should be made to the original assessments, taking into account contributions actually paid by Member States.

8. Mr. SY (Senegal) said that he agreed with the suggestion to defer consideration of the item. The short delay proposed by the Chairman would enable delegations to consider the matter further and reach a clearer understanding of the issues.

9. Mr. SPAANS (Netherlands) said that he supported the Chairman's suggestion and the proposal by the United Kingdom representative that ACABQ should submit recommendations on any distribution.

10. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to proceed as he had suggested and as proposed by the representatives of the United Kingdom.

11. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 118: PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991 (continued)

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the Joint Inspection Unit (continued) (A/C.5/45/75)

12. Ms. KING (Office of Human Resources Management) said with regard to the effective date of implementation of the new scale of remuneration for members of the Joint Inspection Unit that, given the decision taken by the Committee at its previous meeting concerning amendment of the JIU statute, the Secretariat would now begin consultations with the relevant organs on that matter and would submit a note to the Assembly at its forty-sixth session. The Assembly would then be in a position to establish the effective date of implementation.

The meeting rose at 6.15 p.m.